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1. SUMMARY: LARGE CIRCULATION DUTCH DAILY CARRIES STORY CLAIMING US OFFICIALS AND DONNER COMMISSION ANGRY AT EACH OTHER. DUTCH REPORTEDLY UPSET AT DELAY IN RECEPTION OF DOCUMENTS AND US OFFICIALS SIAD TO BE IRRITATED AT DONNER COMMISSION LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL. ARTICLE QUOTES UNNAMED JUSTICE AND STATE SPOKESMEN.

2. ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD, LARGEST DUTCH NATIONAL DAILY CARRIES FRONT PAGE STORY MARCH 13, HEADLINED, "IRRITATION ABOUT LETTER, AMERICA AND 'THREE WISE MEN' ANNOYED WITH EACH OTHER." TEXT FOLLOWS:

3. THE DONNER COMMISSION AFTER 2 MONTHS INVESTIGATION STILL DOESN'T KNOW WHETHER THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST PRINCE BERNARD ARE SUPPORTED BY WRITTEN PROOF. THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE EXTREMELY IRRITATED ABOUT THE LETTER WHICH THE COMMISSION WROTE ABOUT THIS ON 7 APIL TO
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THE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO LAWYER KIST, SECRETARY

OF THE COMMISSION, YESTERDAY EVENING: "KOTCHIAN MADE A LOT OF NOISE BUT WE STILL DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHETHER THE ASSERTIONS ARE SUPPORTED BY WRITTEN PROOF AND IF SO WHAT THE PROOF IS".

4. THE ACCORD OF 29 MARCH BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STATED THAT THE AMERICANS WILL COOPERATE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN FURNISHING INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE USEFUL FOR THE DUTCH INQUIRY. THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS SO IRRITATED ABOUT THE LEETER BECAUSE THE COMMISSION MEMBERS KNEW THAT IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE MATERIAL WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

5. UP TO AND INCLUDING YESTERDAY LOCKHEED COULD HAVE REGISTERED OBJECTIONS AGAINST THE FURNISHING OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL TO A DUTCH COMMISSION OF INQUIRY. THIS DID NOT HAPPEN. ONE OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEGOTIATORS WHO IS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE DRAWING UP OF THE LOCKHEED ACCORDS SAYS THAT HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE IRRITATION SHOWN ON THE DUTCH SIDE. "IN THIS MATTER THE NORMAL LEGAL PROCEDURES ARE BEING FOLLOWED. THE DUTCH COULD HAVE KNOWN THIS IF THEY HAD MADE THOROUGH INQUIRIES," ACCORDING TO HIM.

6. EVEN THOUGH THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR THE PRESENTATION OF LOCKHEED OBJECTIOS HAS ELAPSED NO ONE IN WASHINGTON CAN GUARANTEE THAT THE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS WEEK. THE US STOCK EXCHANGE COMMITTEE REFUSES TO SAY WHETHER IT HAS PASSED ON ITS PART OF THE MATERIAL WHICH IS INTERESTING TO HOLLAND TO THE US MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.

7. THE CHURCH COMMISSION HAS ALSO NOT YET PASSED ON ANY MATERIALS. THE STATED DEPARTMENT CAN ALSO NOT GIVE AN EXPLANATION FOR ALL THIS. A SPOKESMAN SAYS: "THE CHURCH COMMISSION HAS ALL INFORMATION STORED IN A COMPUTER. IT WOULD THUS BE SIMPLE TO EXTRACT THE DUTCH MATERIAL".

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8. THE SAME SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UP TILL NOW THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION AT ALL THAT THE MATERIAL WITH THE SEC HAS, WHICH WAS FURNISHED BY LOCKHEED ON THE ORDERS OF THE FEDERAL COURT IN WASHINGTON, CONTAINS DOCUMENTS INTERESTING TO HOLLAND. HE HIMSELF EVEN DOUBTS WHETHER THIS IS SO. PREMIER DEN UYL SAID LAST FRIDAY THAT HE EXPECTED THAT THE DOCUMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THIS WEEK BY THE SEC AND ALL THE

REST OF THE MATERIAL WITHIN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

9. COMMENT: GIST OF ARTICLE IS IN LINE WITH ACCOUNT
REFTEL ABOUT DONNER COMMISSION AND GON ATTITUDES TOWARD
SPEED OF DELIVERY OF LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS. WE ARE A
LITTLE PUZZLED ABOUT REPORTED COMMENTS OF QUOTE
SPOKESMAN UNQUOTE, SINCE WE WERE UNAWARE THAT DEPART-
MENT OF JUSTICE COMMENTING ON SITUATION. IT MAY BE
THAT STORY, DATELINED WASHINGTON/THE HAGUE, NOT
WHOLLY ACCURATE.

10. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION AND GUIDANCE HOW
TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP QUERIES HERE.
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